

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT ON BILL NO. **H. 3439**

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| TO:       | The Honorable Leon Howard, Chairman, House Medical, Military, Public and Municipal Affairs Committee |      |         |
| FROM:     | Office of State Budget, Budget and Control Board   |      |         |
| ANALYSTS: | R.J. Stein   |      |         |
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| AUTHOR:  | Representative King | PRIMARY CODE CITE: | 44-63-50 |
| SUBJECT: | Fetal Death Reports |                    |          |

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ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT ON FEDERAL & OTHER FUND EXPENDITURES:

\$0 (No additional expenditures or savings are expected)

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**BILL SUMMARY:**

House Bill 3439 amends Chapter 63, Title 44 of the Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, by adding Section 44-63-50 which would require an institution or physician who reports a fetal death to provide a copy of the fetal death report to a funeral director handling the funeral arrangements within 24 hours of the request.

**EXPLANATION OF IMPACT:**

The Department of Health & Environmental Control reports that this Bill would have no fiscal impact on the State General Fund or on Federal and/or Other Funds. The cost associated with issuing these reports will be incurred mostly by South Carolina hospitals and physicians.

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT IMPACT:**

None.

**SPECIAL NOTES:**

None.

Approved by:



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